

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

MONEY MARKET.

Wednesday, April 11—6 P. M.

There was a better feeling in the stock market to-day. Reading and Erie Railroad stocks continue the favorite at improving prices. There was a little more activity to-day in State stocks and railroad bonds, but prices do not show any material alteration. At the first board, New Jersey Central advanced 1/2 per cent; Nicaragua Transil, 1/2; Cumberland, 1/2; New York Central Railroad, 1/2; Erie Railroad, 1/2; Reading Railroad, 1/2; Michigan Central Railroad, 1/2; Michigan Southern Railroad, 1/2; Hudson River Railroad declined 1/2 per cent; Panama Railroad, 1/2; Galena and Chicago Railroad, 1/2; Cleveland and Toledo Railroad, 1/2. The law proceedings against certain directors and managers of the Nicaragua Transit Company have terminated just as we anticipated, and the parties concerned have not accomplished the object aimed at. The market price of the stock has advanced more than a fraction during the arguments, and those who sold stock, with the impression that a panic would be created, and lower prices rule, have simply made a mistake. Panama Railroad stock is selling again below par. The extravagant statements made upon the opening of this road, regarding its future earnings, have not thus far been realized, and probably will not be. The stock advanced largely and rapidly, in anticipation of immense receipts; and it was our opinion at that time, that a more favorable time to realize would not soon occur again.

The following sales of bonds were made at auction to-day by J. Thompson:

92 North Carolina Sixes.....	Flat, 98 1/2
92 Tennessee Sixes.....	do. 98 1/2
100 Michigan Sixes.....	do. 98 1/2
100 Ohio Sixes.....	do. 100 1/2
47 Virginia Consols.....	do. 100 1/2
47 Missouri Sixes.....	do. 98 1/2
47 Louisiana Sixes.....	do. 98 1/2
100 Indiana Sixes.....	do. 98 1/2
100 New Orleans City Bonds.....	do. 98 1/2
2,000 Great Western (Ill.) RR. 10s.....	do. 98 1/2
5,000 North American Ind. Gen. Sec. RR. 10s.....	do. 98 1/2

The following sales of bonds and stocks were made at auction to-day, after the adjournment of the board:—

30,000 Ohio Sixes.....	Flat, 100 1/2
7,000 N. Y. and New Haven RR. 7 1/2s.....	do. 85 1/2
4,000 Ohio and Mississippi RR. 24 mts.....	do. 85 1/2
4,000 Cleveland and Erie RR. 24 mts.....	do. 85 1/2
3,000 Ohio, Wm. & Z. & Erie RR. 24 mts.....	do. 85 1/2
1,000 Cincinnati and Chicago RR. 1st mt. do. 85 1/2	
600 Interest Bonds, C. and Ind. RR. 1st mt. do. 85 1/2	
20 Hamilton and Dayton RR. 10s.....	do. 70 1/2
10 shares Erie and Lehigh RR. 10s.....	do. 100
20 shares Erie and Lehigh RR. 10s.....	do. 75 1/2
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At the second board the market was well sustained, but not active. Cumberland coal advanced 1/2 per cent; Erie Railroad, 1/2; New York Central Railroad, 1/2. Hudson River Railroad was weak, and closed with a downward tendency.

The transactions at the Assistant Treasurer's office to-day were as follows:—

Paid on Treasury account.....	\$100,627.12
Received do.....	\$3,691.17
Balance do.....	3,233,021.12
Paid for Assay.....	170.40
Paid on disbursements.....	45,378.79

We are informed that Paul, Bacon & Co. have executed an assignment to Daniel Hoadley, of all treasure and property of whatever kind, which may have been forwarded from San Francisco to this place, since the 10th of March, and up to and including the 9th April, to pay in full all drafts drawn from the 9th to 10th of March, both inclusive;—not to pay, not exceeding fifty per cent, on drafts drawn subsequent to the 10th of March, and up to and including 9th April, and the amount of the balance of the 9th April from San Francisco, should there be a surplus in the hands of the assignee, after payment in full of the first named drafts, and fifty per cent on subsequent drafts, then said surplus is first to be used pro rata, or in payment in full of said last named drafts, and the balance, if any, to go to the general creditors of the firm, share and share alike. We understand the reasons for preferring the drafts drawn from the 9th to 10th of March, are, that parties who came forward to the house in resuming business, by buying their exchange and giving them money for same, under such circumstances, entitled to considerations which those who came in subsequent to the 10th of March, and who remained, and purchased in the regular course of business, are not. Holders of drafts should retain them and not send them to San Francisco, for all the funds of the firm for their liquidation will be placed in the hands of the assignee here.

The steamship Asia, from Boston for Liverpool, to-day, carried out \$600,000 in American gold, and \$125 in English silver.

The warrants entered at the Treasury Department, Washington, on the 9th inst., were:—

For the redemption of stock.....	\$28,911.37
For paying Treasury notes.....	657.00
For the Customs.....	134,704.52
For repaying in the War Department.....	16,364.60
For the Navy Department.....	1,368.07
For the Interior Department.....	1,587.66

The notes of the suspended free banks of Illinois are now redeemed at par by the Auditor of that State; he having, in compliance with the law, sold the stocks which were pledged for security of the notes. The suspended bank notes of Wisconsin are also redeemed in the same way.

The sales of lands of the Illinois Central Railroad Company from the 12th of February to the 1st inst., were:—

For the Chicago branch.....	\$2,400.00
For the Rock Island branch.....	8,888.14
For the Peoria branch.....	966.98

Total sales.....\$12,754.72

Amount received in cash.....\$10,824.68

Notes.....126,753.18

Total sales.....\$137,683.84

Of these sales the lands averaged \$10 1/4 per acre; and free lands \$24 1/2 per acre.

In the Senate of this State Mr. Spencer, of the Bank Committee, read a note from E. J. Brown, Esq., President of the Manhattan Savings Institution of this city, stating that an error exists in the report of the Bank Committee on Savings Banks, which does great injustice to the institution over which he presides. The error is in showing a deficit of more than \$100,000 in the item of its assets, whereas a correct statement shows a surplus of more than twenty one thousand dollars. Mr. Spencer read the following table showing the true condition of the bank:—

Loans on bonds and mortgages.....	\$737,229.61
Stocks and bonds owned by the institution.....	129,440.00
Cash in banks.....	\$108,020.87
Cash on hand.....	66,988.64
Total.....	\$2,200,919.12

Amount due depositors, principal and interest, to Jan. 1, 1885.....\$1,088,569.95

Surplus.....21,064.06—\$1,089,634.02

The Commercial Bank of New Orleans has declared a dividend of four and one-half per cent. The Suffolk Insurance Company of Boston has declared a dividend of four per cent, payable on demand. The Coghlin Fire Insurance Company a semi-annual dividend of four per cent.

The receipts of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad Company for the months of January and February, 1885, amounted to \$41,023.51, against \$32,732.81 for the same time last year. It will be remembered that the road was entirely closed by snow from January 20 to February 27, while from the 7th to the 13th of February it was only operated 13 miles of its length. From the 7th to the 27th of February, likewise, no trains ran upon the road.

A comparison of the aggregate movement in the leading departments of the banks of Boston, during each of the past three weeks, exhibits the following results:—

Loans and discounts.....	\$2,555,355
Deposits.....	2,522,240
Payments.....	2,326,455
Loans from other banks.....	7,846,363
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There has been an increase since the returns for the 1st inst., in every department.

The gross receipts of the Southern Michigan and Northern Indiana Railroad Company for the first three months in each of the past two years, have been as follows:—

January.....	\$38,325.32
February.....	\$38,325.32
March.....	\$38,325.32

Total.....\$115,975.96

Against.....\$115,975.96

But for the obstructions from deep snows in February, the increase in receipts that month would have been much greater.

The following is a description of counterfeit bills on the Bank of Commerce, Boston, which have recently been put in circulation:—The vignette consists of a female, the Goddess of Liberty, holding a spear, on which a liberty cap is placed, in her right hand; the left hand points to a scroll which has the words "Agriculture and Commerce" inscribed. On the left hand side of the male is a train of railroad cars, under heavy clouds, ing the sun.

ing the sun. On the right is a ship, on which the words "Navigation" are inscribed. The vignette is surrounded by a wreath of cotton bolls and sheaves of wheat. The counterfeit is a new one, and likely to deceive the unwary. Wreaths of flowers encircle the figures on the bill.

The Bankers' Magazine furnishes the returns of circulation of the private and joint stock banks in England and Wales for the four weeks ending the 17th of February, and gives the following as the average weekly circulation of those banks during the past month, viz:—

Private banks.....	\$3,812,785
Joint stock banks.....	\$5,648,434

Average weekly circulation.....\$9,461,219

On comparing the above with the returns for the preceding month, ending the 20th of January last, it shows:—

A decrease in the circulation of the private banks.....	\$128,677
A decrease in the circulation of the joint stock banks.....	97,859

Decrease on the month.....\$226,536

And, as compared with the return for the corresponding period of last year, viz., February 18, 1884, it shows:—

A decrease in the circulation of the private banks.....	\$33,168
A decrease in the circulation of the joint stock banks.....	62,025

Decrease on the year.....\$95,193

On comparing the above with the returns for the preceding month, ending the 20th of January last, it shows the following as to the comparative state of the circulation:—

The private banks are below their fixed issues.....	\$787,993
The joint stock banks are below their fixed issues.....	\$119,428

Total below their fixed issues.....\$907,421

The annual accounts of the Bank of England just presented to Parliament, show that the amount of all Exchequer bills, Treasury bills, or other government securities which were purchased by the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, or on which any sums were lent or advanced by the said Bank of England, during the year ending the 31st of January, 1885, included the following sums, viz:—In the quarter ending the 31st of July, 1884, \$3,711,201; in the quarter ending the 31st of October, 1884, \$3,711,201; in the quarter ending the 31st of January, 1885, \$3,711,201.

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